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NORTH OGDEN STUDENT WINS STATEWIDE POSTER CONTEST

Saxon Thomas, a fifth grade student at Bates Elementary School in North Ogden, is the Grand Prize winner of the 2003 Utah State Arbor Day poster contest. In addition to winning a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, a plaque signed by Governor Michael Leavitt and other prizes, Saxon's poster will be reproduced and distributed to schools and government offices statewide.

Other state winners, each receiving a \$75 bond, a plaque signed by Governor Michael Leavitt and other prizes are: Suzannah Pabla, Tolman Elementary, Bountiful; Gracie Peterson, Waterford School, Sandy; Kambree Worthington, Nephi Elementary, Nephi; Kevin Martin, Tolman Elementary, Bountiful; Kylie Yeates, Garland Elementary, Garland; and Alyssa Braunberger, Canyon View Elementary, Ogden.

State winners will join Saxon Thomas to receive their awards at the annual Arbor Day celebration at Red Butte Garden and Arboretum in Salt Lake City on April 25 at 10:00 a.m. Lieutenant Governor Olene Walker will join State Forester Joel Frandsen and KUTV weatherman Sterling Poulson in honoring the winners. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, view Exploration Learning Stations, and enjoy refreshments.

Sponsors of this year's Arbor Day activities are Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation, Tree Utah, Utah Community Forest Council, Utah Nursery and Landscape Association, USDA Forest Service, Utah Energy Office, and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

Regional Arbor Day ceremonies are scheduled in Provo, Heber City, Cedar City, St. George, and Richfield.. More than 250 schools and 100,000 students are participating in Utah Arbor Day activities.

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